

RCPD tasers Pawnee patient

By Jenene Heavey
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Riley County Police Department Lt. Kurt Moldrup reported an incident at Pawnee Mental Health Services that required police intervention on Thursday.

Moldrup said a patient became out of control and combative, threatening harm to himself and others.

The man was tasered, handcuffed and taken to Mercy Health Center for further evaluation.

Pottawatomie County law enforcement and EMS arrived to provide additional support to the RCPD.

Step Afrika to perform at McCain tonight

By Jelani Yancey
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Step Afrika, a dance company based out of Washington, D.C., will perform at 7 p.m. Monday at McCain Auditorium.

The group specializes in “step,” a form of dancing that originated with and is often performed by members of historically black fraternities and sororities in America.

In stepping, dancers use footsteps, hand-claps, and spoken word to fuse music and dance into a lively, complex performance.

Step Afrika founder Brian Williams was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc., a historically black fraternity founded in 1906, while he attended Howard University.

“[Step is] a highly percussive, energetic dance style that uses the hands, the feet, the body and the voice as an instrument,” Williams said.

While working in South Africa, Williams observed a dance performed by local mine workers, called the gumboot dance. Seeing that it was similar to the stepping he had learned in America, Williams collaborated with the South African dancers to institute the Step Afrika International Cultural Festival in 1994.

“Our original idea was to link cultures together through dance,” Williams said. “We created a project together and worked day and night to make it happen.”

Step Afrika is an American offshoot of the program and was established by Williams in 1996.

The Union Program Council helped bring Step Afrika! to K-State. The dance group’s visit comes as part of an annual national tour of colleges and universities, Williams said.

Taking the plunge



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Rushing out of the 39 degree water at Tuttle Creek Lake, Manhattan resident, Derrick Henri, races towards the shore line. The Polar Plunge at Tuttle Creek was a fundraiser for the Special Olympics.

Locals brave Tuttle’s cold waters for charity

By Jason Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

On Saturday morning, while many K-state students were sleeping in and enjoying the weekend, 65 brave souls took the “Polar Plunge” and jumped into the 39-degree water of Tuttle Creek Pond.

The Polar Plunge is a charity event put on by the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise money for Special Olympics of Kansas. Registration began at 10:30 a.m. and shortly after noon individuals and teams were jumping into the water.

“This function goes to supporting the students that go to the Special Olympics; we supply money, food and stuff like that,” said Judy Roland, a member of the volunteer board for the Special Olympics in Manhattan. “It’s not near as cold this year; we’ve had to break the ice before.”

K-State students Byron Yeagar, Coty Woodside, Dan Minihan, Lucy Johnson and Meghan Minihan formed team “Stupid Cupid.” The five were dressed as cupids; Johnson and Meghan Minihan wore shorts, tank tops and wings, while Woodside, Dan Minihan, and Yeagar wore just shorts and sashes.

“I heard about it on the radio and thought it would be fun. Then I talked these guys into it,” said Meghan Minihan, junior in secondary education and the team’s organizer.

Individuals and teams lined the waterfront awaiting word to enter the frigid water. Some participants chose to wear a typical bathing suit, while others took a less understated approach. A Marion, Kan., native, Brian Freed, dressed as a yellow banana.

“I’m nervous,” Freed admitted, as he looked toward the water. Freed was a first time participant in the Polar Plunge.

As the participants entered the water, shrieks, cheers and loud splashing dominated the air. Contrary to the term “plunge,” the participants had to voluntarily run into the water and wade through the chilly waters to get deep enough to be submerged. Standing along the beach were friends, family and even members of the Kansas Special Olympics team cheering them on.

As the shaky participants exited the water, cheers for Willie the Wildcat to take the plunge spread through the entire crowd. Willie took his shoes and K-state socks off before entering the water to his knees to show his support. While standing in the frigid waters, Willie led the crowd in chanting “K-S-U” while acting the letters out with his body.

Cheers and loud applause followed as Willie exited the water and

World-famous prodigy receives standing ovation

By Elizaveta Zheganina
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With a single stroke of a piano key, Conrad Tao, a world-renowned pianist, composer and violinist, mesmerized his audience at McCain Auditorium.

He led the captivated minds of those who attended his solo piano concert on Saturday through a whirlwind of sentiments, ranging from sadness and despair to exhilaration and joy.

For almost two hours, the audience’s emotion was at the whim of his fingertips, which flawlessly danced on the piano keys even to the most vicious tempos.

Tao is only 14. Combined with the level of mastery he demonstrated, his age rendered an almost surreal character to his performance. His technique was impeccable, his energy contagious and his emotion genuine.

“I just love performing, and I love the energy that comes with it,” Tao said.

Saturday’s program at McCain included a wide variety of musical pieces.

Tao performed such classics as Beethoven’s Sonata No. 23, Op. 57 in F minor, “Appassionata” and Chopin’s “Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise Brillante.”

Of varying emotional intensity, the works Tao played were equally enthralling and unique.

The performance was briefly interrupted when Tao’s piano stool tilted, causing him to stop playing.

However, Tao recovered swiftly, continuing to lead his audience through the world of music.

“I try to put my interpretation into everything I play,” Tao said. “I do always try to bring something new, my way of playing and my interpretation.”

Tao also treated his audience to one of his own compositions, “Fantasy-Sonata” for solo piano. Equally fascinated by American jazz and French impressionism, Tao said he finds inspiration in many places.

“Compositionally, I draw from a wide variety of things,” he said.

Being a world-famous pianist, composer and violinist requires hard work.

However, Tao said he enjoys it greatly.

“I love it,” he said. “It comes really naturally.”

Tao said he practices the piano at least four hours a day and



Conrad Tao, a 14-year-old piano prodigy, performed classical music in a solo concert at McCain Auditorium Saturday evening.

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23 Cauldron

24 Heavy military footwear

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35 Commandment pronoun

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41 Infamous lyre player

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26 Casino employee

27 Actuality

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEBODY HAD AN EASY WORKLOAD FOR FIFTY-TWO WEEKS, I GUESS THAT WOULD BE ONE LIGHT YEAR.

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I'LL GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT ON MEGAMAN 9. BUT THE BEARD....HE LOVED THAT THING. THE ONLY THING HE LOVED MORE WOULD'VE BEEN.....

HEY, I'M ALLOWED TO SHAVE! THE WEATHER'S GETTING NICE AND UM.....WELL....

OH I GET IT. SOME GIRL WHO'S WAY OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE MUST HAVE TOLD YOU THAT YOU'D LOOK BETTER IF YOU SHAVED.

SIGH. FINE. YOU WIN. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, IT'S TIME TO MAKE MYSELF LOOK "TOTALLY HOT" AGAIN.

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"Wildcat Watch" debuted on K-State TV, cable channel 8, at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 9 p.m., and 11 p.m. and will repeat all week. See www.k-state.tv for air times. This week's features include the K-State Proud campaign kickoff.

The Campaign for Nonviolence will be sponsoring a lecture, "Connecting the Dots at K-State: Sustainability, Food Systems and Nonviolence," featuring Rhonda Janke at 7 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Little Theatre.

Little American Royal, sponsored by the Block and Bridle and Dairy Science clubs, is a livestock show using university-owned animals. Participants have the chance to work with and show a dairy or beef heifer, lamb, pig or horse. It is open to all K-State students, with a scholarship contest open to all participants. Sign-ups will be in Weber and Call Halls today to Wednesday. LAR is April 18. For more information, contact show president Billy Brown at brownb@ksu.edu.

Applications for Student Alumni Board are now available at the K-State Alumni Center or online at www.k-state.com/sab. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Alumni Center.

The Beach Musuem of Art will hold a concert by the Tallgrass Trio, with music inspired by an exhibition of Birger Sandzen's work, at 7 p.m. Thursday. The concert is \$10 per person and desserts are provided. Reservations are required by Tuesday and can be made by calling 785-532-7718.

A rape survivor support group, for students affected by sexual assault, is a new group forming at K-State Women's Center. The first meeting is Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Holton 206. For more information: <http://www.k-state.edu/womenscenter/> or call 785-532-6444.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Robyn Seglem at 1 p.m. Feb. 18 in Blumont 368. The thesis topic is "It's Like Having a Library, And You Don't Get to Go: Educators Negotiating Boundaries When Working With New Literacies."

The Disney College Program will give presentations on intern-

ships at 5 p.m. Feb. 18 and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in K-State Student Union 213.

Applications for Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society are now available online at www.k-state.edu/mortarboard. Juniors and seniors with 75 or more credit hours and a 3.0 GPA are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by noon Feb. 20th.

The Student Homecoming Committee is now seeking applicants. Pick up an application at the Alumni Center or complete one online at www.k-state.com/homecoming. Applications are due on Feb. 25 at 5 p.m.

Recreational Services is offering an eight-session Noontime Nutrition class for K-State students and faculty members interested in learning more about making better food choices. The class will meet from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 3. The \$25 registration fee includes all 8 sessions. Sign up by Feb. 27 in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-532-6980.

A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for non-traditional students is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services, Holton 101 or www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships for more information.

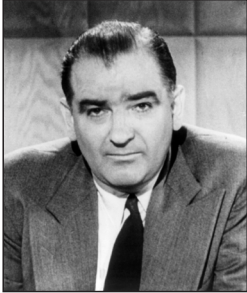
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...

MCCARTHY CALLS OUT COMMUNISTS

Joseph Raymond McCarthy, a relatively obscure Republican senator from Wisconsin, announces during a speech in Wheeling, W. Va., that he has in his hand a list of 205 communists who have infiltrated the U.S. State Department. The unsubstantiated declaration, which was little more than a publicity stunt, suddenly thrust Senator McCarthy into the national spotlight.

Asked to reveal the names on the list, the reckless and opportunistic senator named officials he determined guilty by association, such as Owen Lattimore, an expert on Chinese culture and affairs who had advised the State Department. McCarthy described Lattimore as the "top Russian spy" in America.



COORS BREWERY HEIR IS KIDNAPPED

Adolph Coors disappears while driving to work from his Morrison, Colorado, home. The grandson of the Coors' founder and chairman of the Golden, Colo., brewery was kidnapped and held for ransom before being shot to death. Surrounding evidence launched one of the FBI's largest manhunts: the search for Joe Corbett.

Corbett, a Fulbright scholar at the University of Oregon, was headed to medical school when, in 1951, he got into an altercation with an Air Force sergeant. During the fight, he shot the man and ended up pleading guilty to second-degree murder. He was sent to San Quentin Prison for several years before being transferred to a minimum-security facility, where he easily escaped and began living under an alias, Walter Osborne.

MAGIC JOHNSON RETURNS FOR ALL-STAR GAME

After retiring from the Los Angeles Lakers, Magic Johnson returns to play in the 42nd NBA All-Star game, where the crowd greeted him with a standing ovation.

—history.com

CORRECTIONS
AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in Thursday's Collegian. Kaplan had a 45-percent increase in the number of students expressing interest in buying graduate school preparatory programs. The Collegian regrets the error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Ann Conrad at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

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'Science and Engineering Jam' sponsored by GROW to attract middle-school girls

By Jacie Noel
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The "Science and Engineering Jam with the Arts" event Saturday on campus was sponsored by the K-State Girls Researching Our World, or GROW program.

The event was a way to introduce middle-school-aged girls to science, technology, engineering and mathematical fields.

Bre Stout, sophomore in biological and agricultural engineering, said the event was created to get girls interested in science by correlating it with things they are already familiar with such as art, music and dance.

Girls were divided into small groups by age and attended different sessions throughout the day with a K-

State student chaperone. The sessions involved hands-on activities incorporating different fields of study such as electrical engineering, biochemistry, food science, kinesiology, physics and math.

Some of the sessions included taking apart speakers and headphones and seeing how they work, extracting DNA from strawberries, learning the science of movement through dance and designing a room with acoustics.

Colgan Powell, eighth-grader from Herington, Kan., said she attended the event because she wanted to see how engineering affected the arts. She said her favorite session was "Groove-ology."

"I liked dancing and learning different movements that can be made with dance," Powell said.

Helen Simmons, eighth-grader from Manhattan, said she has been attending the GROW events since sixth grade and has liked going to them.

Women in Engineering and Science outreach coordinator Susan Arnold Christian, said the event also showed girls how they can merge their passions in art, dance or music with science, technology, engineering and math fields. She said the fields really complement each other in many ways.

"Many girls tell us, 'I really like my science and math classes but I don't want to give up my music or dance or art,'" Christian said. "We wanted to show them that it's not about one or the other."

This has been the third year GROW has sponsored

the "Science and Engineering Jam with the Arts." Christian said depending on the date, the event typically gets about 50-80 girls from all over Kansas.

Sam Marin, junior in industrial engineering, said she had a lot of fun working with the girls and introducing them to engineering, and it has become a passion of hers.

"My favorite part is knowing I'm making a difference in the girls' lives," Marin said. "I like being that support for them."

Lindsey Walker, junior in nuclear engineering, said she has been involved with GROW for three years.

"I like the actual activities, and it's a good time," she said. "It's great to encourage math and science, but I think it's just fun."

RCPD found sum of cash, seeks owner

Staff Report
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Riley County Police Department found a large amount of collectable coins and paper currency that appears likely to have been stolen, according to a RCPD press release.

The money was recovered in the central part of Manhattan. Currently, the RCPD has no burglary or theft reports matching the recovered property and is seeking information to lead to the owner.

According to the press release, the owner of the money might have conducted business with the First National Bank of Madison, Wis., which is a name that has not been used since the early 1970s.

If you have any information regarding this property, please call the RCPD at 785-539-7777 or send a TIPS e-mail from the link found at the RCPD's Web site, www.rileycountypolice.org.

This week's Black History Month Events: Feb. 9-13

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Ground Floor
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Tonight:

Step Afrika!
McCain Auditorium
7 p.m.

Tuesday:

Lecture: Ed Gordon of NPR,
"The Mass Media's Perception of the
Presidential Election"
Union Main Ballroom
When: 7 p.m.

Wednesday:

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Union Room 204
6:30 p.m.

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Mentoring a child benefits both parties



MOLLY HAMM

One of the case studies I examined during a recent teacher licensure test discussed a student who had been assigned to analyze the four types of parenting styles by interviewing adult role models. But the student had nothing to turn in on the day the assignment was due. While teachers could brush this off as laziness or unwillingness to participate, the student's reasoning ran much deeper. In fact, the student did not have adult role models in his life that he could interview to complete the assignment. This student is not alone.

MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership reports that 14.6 million young people make up the "mentoring gap" in the United States – young people categorized by low, moderate and high risk behaviors who need mentors. This represents approximately 50 percent of all young people in the U.S. In other words, half our nation's young people need a mentoring relationship but do not have one.

Many may ask how mentoring is a viable solution for some of the tough challenges young people across the nation face today. On its Web site, MENTOR discusses a recent research brief published by Child Trends which found that "in terms of educational achievement, mentored youth have better attendance; a better chance of going on to higher education; and better attitudes towards school.

In terms of health and safety, mentoring appears to help prevent substance abuse and reduce some negative youth behaviors. On the social and emotional development front, taking part in mentoring promotes positive social attitudes and relationships."

If mentoring can provide such positive outcomes to young people, why are half the children in need of mentors currently going without? With millions of available mentors, it seems outrageous such a gap should continue to exist – but it does. How do we address this? It takes community effort to ensure that young people have quality role models and mentors. Some incredible initiatives are already taking place.

Take the recently launched "Be 1 of the 100,000" project in Kansas City, Mo. The project's founders and supporters believe each of the 20,000 scholars in the Kansas City, Mo. school district deserve to be supported by at least 5 caring relationships.

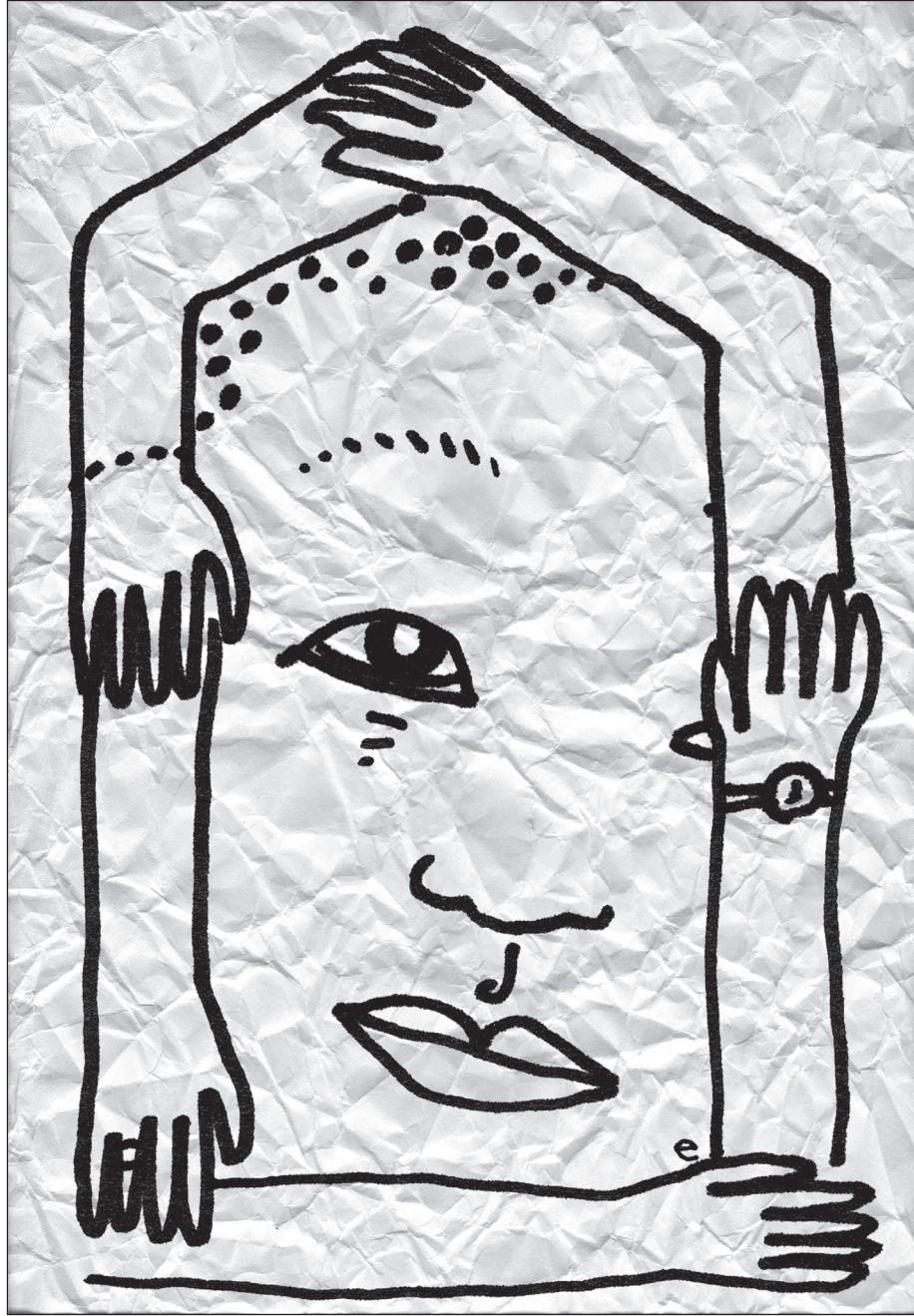


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The web of relationships totals to be 100,000 family members, teachers, mentors and tutors. The fascinating aspect of this concept is the project realizes that it does not take only one caring mentoring relationship – the more relationships and role models provided to each student, the more they can achieve. The project partners with agencies in the area already well-known for fostering successful mentoring relationships including Big Brothers Big Sisters and YouthFriends.

According to Micheal Lawrence, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City, the work of BBBS and its partners in the area has found that, of the youth currently paired with mentors, 94 percent believe that their mentors have positive effects on their lives, 81 percent

say that their self-esteem has improved, 71 percent say they have improved their academic performance, and 97 percent report no alcohol or drug abuse.

The opportunity for mentoring exists in Manhattan because young people need mentors in every community. As college students, we have the ability to make a tremendous impact on the lives of young people in our community. I urge each of you to consider beginning a mentoring relationship because the benefits to the student, yourself and to society are invaluable.

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College education might not equal debt of loans



FRANK MALE

Recent economic news has revolved around the housing collapse. Before that, the dot-com bubble burst. The next bubble to burst? We can only guess. But consider this: The first losers in the housing bubble were lower-to-middle class homeowners the government was trying to house. Housing prices suddenly fell and they were left holding onto a house worth less than they owed on it. The situation led to defaults, which wrecked the lenders and made banks collapse like goliaths pummeled with stones.

Allow me to draw a parallel. Students are encouraged by the government to get a college education; however, most of these kids do not have enough money to pay

for college tuition without assistance. Naturally, this means student loans and debt upon graduating college.

We're told it's worth it, that a degree translates into one million dollars more income earned in a lifetime. However, this ignores the extra debt accumulated and the opportunity cost of income forgone during college.

Because of well-intentioned government efforts to make college affordable by expanding Pell Grants and college loans, the demand for a university education is at historic levels, having doubled since 1970. This increased demand has led to rising tuition and spiraling student debt. In the wake of the sub-prime mortgage disaster, it was shown that real estate values grew at a rate surpassing inflation. At the same time, college tuition has increased significantly. According to the College Board's "Trends in College Pricing" 2008 edition, tuition has increased over the past decade on average 4.2 percent above inflation at public universities.

A bachelor's degree provides less worth than previously, though. Declining education standards in America have been reported for decades, and the larger undergrad-

uate populations have led to less-qualified degree-holders and more of them. While in the past, having a degree from a four-year college was sufficient to ensure a job, now businesses look in more detail for community service work, leadership positions, and internship experience. How many times have you heard, "I learned so much more doing that than I ever have in the classroom?" Difficulty in finding jobs after graduation puts a crunch on students who have outstanding loans to pay off.

Not all elements of the increase in cost are benign, however. Richard Sander, a law professor at UCLA, said "There are a lot of aspects of selling education that are tinged with consumer fraud," in a Feb. 2 Forbes Magazine column. Much like the predatory lending practices decried in the wake of the sub-prime meltdown, colleges and professional schools are enticing students who can't afford the cost to take out large loans. Then, the students are left without a law practice and an average of \$100,000 of debt.

In 1972, Sallie Mae was set up by the federal government to provide affordable student loans for college students. It clearly fulfilled

that job, but has run into several controversies in recent years. 60 Minutes reported on Sallie Mae's business practices in 2006. New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo investigated Sallie Mae in early 2007, and CEO Thomas Fitzpatrick was forced to resign in May of 2007, according to a Washington Post article dated May 23 of that year. He left with a golden parachute valued in the millions of dollars. Last year, Sallie Mae reported \$159 million of losses from student loans in just one quarter. It has also been charged in court with artificially ballooning student-loan debts by a former employee.

If this sounds similar to the troubles we have heard about Fannie Mae and Freddie Mack, don't be surprised if results start matching. With the convergence of several factors, including increasing tuition rates, decreasing degree value and predatory lending practices, the student loan market may well be on its way to collapse.

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TO THE POINT

Proud T-shirts support worthy cause, help fellow students

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

This week, the KSU Foundation will be selling K-State Proud T-shirts in the K-State Student Union. The money raised goes directly toward K-State stu-

dents. In the first two years, the philanthropy raised over \$150,000, benefiting more than 60 K-State students.

The shirts are white and will create a Blizzard in Bramlage when the men's basketball team plays KU this Saturday. Besides supporting the team, the shirts help students who are unable to pay

for their education, even after multiple forms of financial aid. Awards are also given to students who have contributed to the university in substantial ways through service and leadership.

K-State Proud shows how important it is to support your university whenever possible, so go out and get your shirt.

THE FOURUM

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Words of wisdom: Love insists that love is mutual. So can I have your number?

OK, the race is off. Your bike is better.

The "You Suck" today was semi-funny, kind of half-way plausibly entertaining.

OK, now can I please staple Dick Cheney's lips shut so he quits talking? He was in an undisclosed location for 8 years, and now all of a sudden he can't stay out of the limelight and can't keep his mouth shut.

You might be a frat guy if you think it's cool to get "bromantic" with other frat dudes.

To the girl that walked five feet away from the two guys walking their two snakes: It's not like they're going to run at you.

I believe the crows and the squirrels are getting ready for war.

Fourum, where are you? How am I supposed to survive without my daily dose?

Yeah, this is a fifth-year student who's got a bit of the "friends with benefits" blues.

Spring Break yourself 2009. Invite only, and no one's invited.

I love you Stew, will you marry me?

Morphy Morph is a beast hoss to the max.

Working at Varney's sucks. You make no money and everyone hates you.

True Life: I'm obsessed with the Fourum.

When I was little I used to swallow my food whole because I thought there were people in my stomach who would use it for furniture.

Crangrape, the drink of champions.

Spandex leggings are not pants.

Hey Stephi, leggings are not pants.

The K-State SGA is less productive than our past national administration.

My boyfriend's a douche.

To the people who are leaving gum on the tree in front of Kedzie: You guys suck. I hope you die.

This message goes to the ex: You're a whore, and I've had sex. Yes, thank you. Bye.

To the Chinese guy who told me he loved me: No thanks.

I have a secret fetish for all the Asian men at the library.



Check out our Web site for the rest of today's Fourum.

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Lineup announced for Stampede; tickets on sale



The 2009 lineup for the Affiliated Foods Midwest Country Stampede has been announced. Country Stampede will be from June 25-28. Tickets, VIP seating and general campsites are on sale now, according to a Manhattan Convention and Visitors' Bureau press release. If purchased before Feb. 28, four-day tickets are \$95, while single day admission tickets for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday are \$55. Complete ticket and camping package information can be accessed by calling (800) 795-8091 or by visiting the event's Web site at www.countrystampede.com.

Country Stampede lineup	
Thursday, June 25	
5:30 p.m.	LoCash Cowboys
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8:30 p.m.	Luke Bryan
10:30 p.m.	38 Special
Friday, June 26	
1:00 p.m.	Aaron Watson
2:45 p.m.	Zac Brown Band
4:15 p.m.	Randy Rogers Band
6:30 p.m.	James Otto
8:30 p.m.	Sawyer Brown
10:30 p.m.	Dierks Bentley
Saturday, June 27	
1:00 p.m.	Jonathan Singleton
2:45 p.m.	Lane Turner
4:15 p.m.	Wade Bowen
6:30 p.m.	Jack Ingram
8:30 p.m.	Blake Shelton
10:30 p.m.	Tim McGraw
Sunday, June 28	
1:00 p.m.	Branded Duo
2:45 p.m.	The Bellamy Brothers
4:15 p.m.	The Lost Trailers
6:30 p.m.	Kellie Pickler
8:30 p.m.	Phil Vassar

Exhibit honors WWI soldiers

By Brandon Steinert
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

"What though before us lies the open grave! Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack, pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back!"

This excerpt is from the poem "If We Must Die" by Claude McKay in 1919.

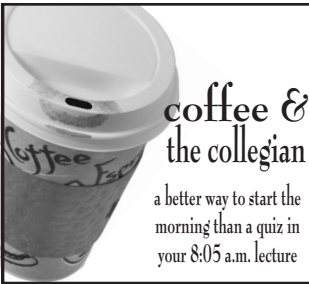
It can be found among photographs, newspaper clippings and other pieces of history of African-American soldiers from the World War I era in the new exhibit "They Came To Fight" at the William T. Kemper Foundation Art Gallery.

According to a press release, Pellom McDaniels III, an assistant professor of history and American studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, created the exhibit to recognize the contributions from African-American soldiers in the war.

The exhibit will be on display in the gallery until Feb. 19.

On Feb. 16, McDaniels will deliver a lecture at 2 p.m. in the K-State Student Union Little Theater. A reception will immediately follow the lecture in the gallery.

"They Came To Fight" is part of Black History Month, and is sponsored by the College of Education, Union Program Council, the K-State Student Union and the KSU Professional Development School Partnership.



Engineering professor recognized by U.S. president

By Emily Snell
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A K-State professor was recently honored in an award ceremony at the White House.

Krista Walton, assistant professor of chemical engineering, received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers for her exceptional career leadership potential in her independent research, a high honor available for scientists and engineers in December.

Receiving the award was "such a great honor," Walton said. "I was really humbled by the whole experience."

The PECASE award is designed to reflect the nation's high priority of maintaining a scientific leader-

ship position by aiding excellent scientists and engineers in developing their research.

The award is given annually by various U.S. government agencies and is presented by the president. Along with national recognition, recipients receive \$200,000 each year for up to five years to develop their research projects.

"I feel really excited about what the grant will allow me to do in my research," Walton said. "It's really going to expand my program."

Mary Rezac, chemical engineering department head, was involved with recruiting and hiring Walton in 2006. After winning the Army Research Office Young Investigator award, Walton became eligible for

the PECASE award.

Rezac worked with Walton in preparing material for the award and wrote a letter of support as well. The 2007 award was presented to Walton by the Department of Defense in 2008 and will take effect this year.

"The department and the university feel exceptionally pleased that Krista is on our faculty," Rezac said. "Krista has a capacity to evaluate a technical landscape and see what the really important questions are that need to be addressed."

Rezac explained that the award is highly competitive and said she believes Walton is quite deserving of the honor.

"While I think [Krista] is technically brilliant, she is modest," Rezac said. "Her

level of modesty is quite high."

Kevin Lease, associate professor of mechanical engineering, acts as Walton's mentor. He also praised Walton's success.

"I think it's fantastic," Lease said. "In all aspects of being a professor, she's going to be a super star. She's obviously interested, excited and committed to [being] a professor."

Both Lease and Rezac explained that Walton's success will benefit K-State and the engineering department by allowing her to perform more "high risk, high return" research projects.

"It will give her the opportunity to explore some new research questions," Rezac said.

Walton gave much credit to others who have

helped her succeed. When given the opportunity to bring two guests to the White House ceremony, Walton chose her long-time supporters: her parents.

"I was really happy that I could share that with them," Walton said. "They have supported me all my life, and it was great to have them there."

Walton said her "once in a lifetime experience" would not have been possible without the people who have worked alongside her.

"Part of the humbling experience is that it is an individual award," Walton said, "but I'm very aware of how my mentors and colleagues along the way have helped me."

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Broncos sweep Wildcats

By Steve Berklund
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The women's tennis team ended the weekend with a win after suffering its first loss of the season. The Cats (2-1) played their first road matches in Boise, Idaho, against the Boise State Broncos and the Colorado State Rams.

With a 7-0 loss to the Broncos, the Wildcats have now lost six consecutive road openers, with their last road opening victory coming against the Wichita State Shockers on Feb. 8, 2003.

The Broncos dominated, winning all three doubles matches. The Broncos also won every singles match, with all but one being in straight sets. The only Wildcat to push a Bronco to a third set was freshman Antea Huljev, who lost 6-0, 6-7, 12-10.

After the loss, the Wildcat team regrouped for its Sunday matchup against Colorado State, winning 5-2 over the Rams. The Wildcat's number one doubles team of Katerina Kudlackova and Huljev suffered its second consecutive loss with an 8-6 defeat by the Rams. Tori Arneson and Lauren Strasburger. However, the number two and three doubles teams won to earn the doubles point.

In singles play, the Wildcats won four out of six matches to secure a 5-2 victory. Of the four wins, three were in straight sets. Coming up victorious in singles play were Huljev, Petra Chuda, Kudlackova, and Natasha Vieira.

The K-State tennis team will play next on Feb. 21-22 in Wichita. The Wildcats will compete against the Shockers and Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans.

On a roll



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Jamar Samuels, forward for the men's basketball team, goes up for a shot in the game against Iowa State Tuesday evening in Bramlage Coliseum where the Cats won 65 to 50. K-State also beat the Texas A&M Aggies Saturday in College Station, Texas.

K-State adds to streak with third road win

By Brad Dornes
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For the third straight Saturday, the K-State men's basketball team played a Big 12 Conference game on the road. And for the third straight Saturday, the Wildcats were victorious.

This Saturday, the Wildcats were in College Station, Texas, to play the Texas A&M Aggies. K-State (16-7, 5-4 Big 12 Conference) defeated the Aggies (17-7, 3-6 Big 12) 65-60.

"We missed some shots at the beginning, but our guys stayed the course, kept at it and got us a win," head coach Frank Martin said. "We are playing with a lot more confidence than we were at the beginning of the season."

The game started out at a very fast pace, with both teams trading baskets. A 3-point-

er by Jacob Pullen, with 4:44 left in the first half broke a 16-16 tie. The Wildcats would end the first half on a 7-5 run and take a 23-21 lead into the break.

K-State led at half for the fourth straight game and is 15-1 this season when the team had a halftime lead.

After halftime, both teams came out strong offensively - the score was tied six times and the lead changed 12 different times.

K-State led the Aggies 56-50 with 4:37, but Texas A&M went on a 7-2 run to cut the Wildcat lead to one. But back-to-back 3-pointers by Pullen and Fred Brown extended K-State's lead to 64-57 with less than one minute to play in the game.

Texas A&M answered with a 3-pointer of their own by junior guard Donald Sloan. On the following K-State possession, Pullen was fouled and made one of the two free

throws to seal the victory for the Wildcats.

"We practice hard before we go out to an away game," Pullen said. "We really work on our intensity and practice, going hard the whole time. We know that we have guys that will be there to score when other guys are struggling."

Pullen led the Wildcats with 16 points. Denis Clemente scored all 14 of his points in the second half. K-State is now 10-0 this season when both Pullen and Clemente score in double-digits.

Darren Kent also scored in double-digits with 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Guards Josh Carter and Donald Sloan had 14 and 12 points, respectively, to lead the Aggies.

Next up for the Wildcats are the Texas Tech Red Raiders at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in Bramlage Coliseum.

Groves shines at Husker Invitational

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Loren Groves has had a storied career at K-State.

The senior thrower, who was named an All-American last season, has rewritten the record books for the women's weight throw as a Wildcat. The native of Scott City, Mo., again made her presence felt at the Husker Invitational, winning the weight throw with an NCAA automatic qualifying toss of 70-0 1/4 - a mark that currently tops the nation. The throw earned Groves' her second automatic qualifying mark in as many weeks.

Groves was one of three Wildcats to capture event titles at the weekend meet. Liliani Mendez had a solid showing in the women's 3,000 meter, winning the event with a time of 9 minutes, 37.28 seconds - her best time this season.

In addition to the three top finishers, the Wildcats had six second-place and three third-place finishes. Beverly Ramos earned a third-place finish behind Mendez in the 3,000 with her best ever time of 9:40.47. Jason Collett also ran his best time in the men's 800, finishing second with a time of 1:52.10.

Although no men were able to bring home titles in individual events, the men's distance medley relay team - comprised of Ed Buck, Jacob Davies, Danny Schneider and Gus Vazquez-Milan - earned a first-place finish with a time of 10:10.17.

The Wildcats will be back in action when they travel to Ames, Iowa, for the Iowa State Classic Feb. 13-14. They have just two meets remaining before the Big 12 Championships in College Station, Texas.

Baylor's second half run gives Bears victory over Cats

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Second place in the Big 12 was on the line Saturday afternoon in Waco, Texas. Following a close first half, the Baylor Lady Bears used a 20-5 run in the second half to push past the No. 18 ranked Wildcats and hand the Wildcats a 59-50 loss.

Despite losing two consecutive games on their home court for the first time under head coach Kim Mulkey, the Bears (19-3, 7-2 Big 12 Conference) got back on track and now hold sole possession of second place in the Big 12.

"It's always important to win at home and steal some on the road," Mulkey said following the game. "We didn't take care of our home court last week."

The Wildcats (19-3, 6-3 Big 12) were trailing 45-43 with 8:59 remaining in the game. Yet they could not get over the hump as Baylor went on a 13-0 run following a 3-pointer by junior Ashley Sweat to get the Wildcats within two points of the Bears.

With the loss, the Wildcats drop to 2-3 on the road in Big 12 games.

The Wildcats jumped out to a quick start in the game with junior Kari Kincaid hitting two consecutive 3-pointers to put the Wildcats up 8-2.

Kincaid anchored the Wildcats to begin the game, scoring the Wildcats' first eight points in the game. She finished the game with 11 points, shooting 3-5 from behind the 3-point line. The Wildcats shot 35 percent as a team from 3-point range.

The Wildcats finished the first half shooting 36 percent from the field and trailing the Bears 26-25.

However, second half defense adjustments by the Lady Bears proved to be the deciding factor in the game. The Lady Bears prevented point guard Shalee Lehning from distributing the ball as effectively as she did in the first half.

Sweat led the Wildcats in scoring with a game-high 17 points. Jessica Morrow of the Lady Bears also added 17 points.

With the loss, the Wildcats drop to 6-3 in Big 12 play and will return home to face the Oklahoma State Cowgirls Sunday afternoon. Tip-off for the game is set for 1 p.m. and will be broadcast regionally by Fox Sports Kansas City.



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

Shalee Lehning, guard for the women's basketball team, goes up for a shot in the game against Missouri Thursday evening in Bramlage Coliseum.

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Why: K-State Proud, the university's student philanthropic campaign, is back for its third year for a Blizzard in Bramlage. With a minimum donation of \$10, students will receive a free white 2009 K-State Proud T-shirt to wear to Saturday's men's basketball game against the University of Kansas.

Where to Buy: Shirts can be purchased at the K-State Superstore, Cats Closet or Bramlage concourse. Every shirt purchase will be donated toward Student Opportunity Awards.

"PINK ZONE"

Price: \$10

When: Feb. 15

Why: "Pink Zone" initiative is a global unified effort for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's nation of coaches to assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond.

Where to Buy: Shirts can be purchased at any home game, the K-State Super Store or Cats Closet in Manhattan.

Graduate student uses unicycle to ride to class, perform tricks

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State students trudge en masse from class to class. Suddenly something – someone – appears in the distance. He is on a unicycle, and he is juggling. “Who is this guy?” they wonder in surprise.

The man is Lance Williamson, graduate student in chemical engineering.

Joshua Cook, graduate student in mechanical and nuclear engineering and Williamson’s friend, said Williamson is extremely passionate about unicycling, and the passion carries into other parts of life.

“A lot of times when he’ll be talking about his coursework, he’ll get on a topic, and you can just tell that he’s really excited about it,” Cook said. “He goes on for a while about the details and all the things he finds really fascinating about it.”

Williamson said unicycling piqued his interest at a K-State Juggling Club event four years ago.

“At first it was a little bit odd, but now I consider it really commonplace, much more than other people around me,” Williamson said. “When I get on a unicycle, it’s more like getting on a bike and just riding somewhere, but then people take notice.”

Williamson said he is often surprised by people’s different reactions to his hobby.

“Some people will intentionally ignore you,” Williamson said. “Some people will try to put attention either on them, or on you. I’d say a lot of kids really enjoy seeing a unicycle. There’s a variety of different perspectives.”

Williamson said it took him a month to get a solid handle on basic riding. Soon after mastering it, he began adding tricks to his repertoire.

Ryan Krehbiel, junior in mechanical engineering and member of the club, said his favorite of Williamson’s tricks is when he uses his unicycle to hop up steps.

“Most people don’t realize how difficult it is,” Krehbiel said. “They think riding a unicycle is hard, but he does it casually. Hopping up steps is what’s harder for him.”

Cook’s favorite trick is when Williamson juggles torches at night while riding his giraffe-style unicycle, which has a seat five feet in the air.

“That would probably be the best



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Above: Unicyclist **Lance Williamson**, graduate student in chemical engineering, cycles down Denison Ave. **Below:** While stopping at a crosswalk near Goodnow Hall, the spokes of Williamson’s unicycle glisten.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor:

You have probably come across at least one person wearing a T-shirt bearing the words “K-State Proud.” Yet in the past two years, this shirt has done much more than announce Wildcat pride.

K-State Proud is a student-led philanthropy that creates and supports Student Opportunity Awards. This year, we are thrilled to be honorary co-chairs for the 2009 K-State Proud student campaign!

The tremendous success of the first two campaigns has raised more than \$150,000, creating two types of Student Opportunity Awards: K-State Hero awards and K-State Proud awards.

Our goal for this year is to raise \$100,000, and K-State students can’t achieve this goal

without everyone’s help.

Please consider making a donation to this nationally recognized campaign. Join us Feb. 9-13 by stopping by the K-State Student Union and donating \$10 or more to K-State Proud. You’ll also get the white 2009 K-State Proud T-shirt.

With everyone’s participation, we can reach our goal of students helping students.

K-State Proud,

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Audience welcomes Back Porch Mary to town again

By Drew Morris
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

People filed onto the dance floor as Back Porch Mary introduced country rock beats into Longhorn's Saloon Friday night. The four-piece band specializes in fusing honky-tonk and rock, a sound the crowd showed their appreciation for by dancing along with the music.

The crowd size increased as the headlining band took the stage, and more people migrated to the dance floor as the music began. The audience matched the band's style by wearing cowboy boots, as well as quite a few cowboy hats. While maintaining its rock style, the band also found it easy to create rhythms that supplied good dancing music, of which the crowd took full advantage.

The band formed in 2001 when three of the band members met in Manhattan and decided to move to Texas where they picked up a fourth member to complete their lineup. The

members set out to mix honky-tonk and rock 'n' roll together to develop a sound they call power-tonk.

Members of the band include Mike Krug on the guitar/vocals, Shane "Slim" Laurence on guitar/vocals, Joe Miller on electric/upright bass, and Ryan Kyle on drums. The band's style includes a heavy dependence on all members of the band to create its full sound, but also emphasizes individuals and solos.

The band brought energy to the stage at Longhorn's, eliciting crowd involvement with blues-rock style solos and stage theatrics. The upright bass made its appearance several songs into the set, and shortly thereafter featured a solo. The upright bass can also be played horizontally, at which point Krug jumped on top of it while Miller continued to play.

The band said it enjoys coming to Manhattan since it's always fun to come home to see old friends and make new ones. The band certainly found many friends to share its music with, judging from the crowd size and amiable atmosphere at Longhorn's. The band re-

lies heavily on touring, and has performed with acts like Cross Canadian Ragweed, Ted Nugent, Fuel, John Michael Montgomery and Reverend Horton Heat. Estimated record sales to date surpass 50,000 copies, a testament to the band's popularity.

The music played on Friday included southern-blues style rock, slower country ballads, twangy guitar slides, vocal harmonizing and both country and blues-rock style guitar solos. Another element was a softer, more acoustic sound with overlapping country-style guitar slide solos and a strong bass line.

The band has four albums, the most recent being "Time of the Broken Heart." The new CD is the first with Smith Music Group, which is based in Fort Worth, Texas, and features mainly country, folk rock and southern rock artists. This album was produced, recorded and mixed by one of the band's own, Laurence.

To sample music and learn more about the band, check out www.myspace.com/backporchmarytexas.

Economy issues affecting New York Fashion Week

By Allie Teagarden
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Since early December, fashion designers have been releasing their Pre-Fall 2009 collections in the fashion capitals of the world, including New York; Paris; Milan and Florence, Italy. These collections provide an indication of what might be ahead for New York Fashion Week, running from Friday through Feb. 20.

Students in the Apparel and Textiles Principles of Forecasting class were surveyed to find out what style themes and trends from the Pre-Fall lines they predict will be mirrored in the Fall 2009 Ready-to-Wear collections. Themes and trends mentioned included the use of layering, neutral color palettes, contrasting masculine and feminine stylistic elements, bold accesso-

ries and the combination of both fitted and loose silhouettes.

"The Pre-Fall collections were a little more daring, and used a mixture of heavy and soft fabrics like satin and velvet, and wool coats with knitted stockings," Julie Hilton, junior in apparel and textiles, said. "Big accessories and accents such as handbags and bows were mixed with small details like ruffles and petite belts."

Although each season displays stylistic collectivity among the various designer collections, each designer maintains a unique point of view in the way they approach those overall fashion trends and themes. A number of the surveyed students said they were most interested to see the collections of Marc Jacobs, Ralph Lauren and Diane von Furstenberg.

Kate Nickols, senior in apparel and

textiles, mentioned two other well-known American designers.

"I can't wait to see what Betsey Johnson comes out with for Fall 2009. She's my favorite designer because she is always coming up with new, outrageous designs," she said. "I'm also excited to see the Michael Kors fall collection. I loved the prints and color-blocking in his Pre-Fall designs."

However, Betsey Johnson, along with several other designers, will not be showing in the Bryant Park tents this year due to the economic crisis at hand. Although Marc Jacobs will be showing his collection in the usual location, the 69th Regiment Armory in New York, he has made significant cuts to his guest list and canceled his fashion show after-party in order to decrease costs.

The issue of the economy may also

have an effect on Fall 2009 fashion itself. Bellyn Whittaker, graduate student in apparel and textiles, believes the economy is one of the key macro-trends affecting fashion.

"As of Feb. 5, unemployment reached a high of 26 percent, something we haven't seen since 1982. I think this will translate in fashion, and we will see more staple pieces in the fall collections," she said. "Think of the influence of the Little Black Dress – it was introduced in 1926 and adopted throughout the Depression. I think we will see a reflection of that 'back to basics' fashion sense throughout 2009 and into 2010."

With New York Fashion Week beginning on Friday, fashion aficionados won't have to wait long to see what the coming fall will bring in terms of styles and trends.

THE GRAMMY'S

SINGER CHRIS BROWN INVESTIGATED FOR ASSAULT

Grammy day was supposed to be a glittery affair for R&B's reigning "It" couple, Chris Brown and Rihanna. But things have gone horribly amiss.

Los Angeles police have confirmed Brown, 19, is being investigated for felony domestic battery.

Sources tell E! News that the alleged victim was Rihanna, 20, and that she had visible



RIHANNA AND BROWN

bruises on her face. Both bailed on their scheduled Grammy performances.

For Brown's label, a spokeswoman declined comment.

Amanda Silverman, Rihanna's publicist, would only tell E! News that the 20-year-old "Disturbia" singer was involved in a traffic mishap and "is fine."

Per department policy, police are declining to identify

the alleged victim. Investigators are attempting to track down Brown.

"When we can find him we will take him into custody for questioning," said Officer Karen Smith, an LAPD spokeswoman. "If there is probable cause for an arrest, then he will be arrested."

In a statement, police say Brown and his companion "became involved in an argument. After stopping his car, Brown and the woman got out and the argument escalated."

"The woman suffered visible injuries and identified Brown as her attacker."

By the time officers arrived on the scene, Brown had split.

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JENNIFER HUDSON WINS GRAMMY

Jennifer Hudson accepted the Grammy for best R&B album at the 2009 Grammy Awards held on Sunday at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

"I don't really know what to say," the 27-year-old singer said during her acceptance speech, trying to fight back tears. "First of all,

I got Whitney Houston presenting me [with my award]. "Wow, I'm just in awe right now."



HUDSON

First of all, I'd like to thank God who has brought me through. I'd like to thank my family in heaven and those who are here today... Clive Davis, Barry Weiss, everyone at Arista, [my fiancé David Otunga], everybody, thank you all!"

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PRODIGY | Audience members praise performance

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spends one to two hours daily playing the violin.

A recipient of violins from the Stradivari Society, Tao is currently playing an 1899 Giulio de Gani violin. It was loaned to him from the Julliard Rare Instrument Collection.

Born in Urbana, Ill., Tao first started playing children's songs on the piano when he was 18 months old. He performed his first formal recital at 4. Since then, Tao has been inseparable from the stage and his music.

"Music for me is really a way to express myself – a way I can connect with emotions I would not experience first hand," Tao said. "It is also a way to communicate, reach my generation and make a difference."

Todd Holmberg, director of McCain Auditorium, said he first saw Tao perform in Corpus Christi, Texas. Tao was the guest artist with the Corpus Christi Symphony. Impressed with Tao's technique and artistry, Holmberg was set on inviting him to K-State and started talking to Tao's managers about 14 months ago.

Brian Ranson, K-State graduate, said he thought the performance was "very well done."

"[He was] definitely the best pianist I have ever seen," Ranson said.

Amy Werner, Manhattan resident, also said she thought Tao's performance was "amazing."

"There were times when his fingers were moving so fast," Werner said. "I would never have thought somebody his age could be doing these things."

At the end of the performance, the audience gave Tao a standing ovation. Persuaded by the endless applause, he played an encore piece to close the evening.

PLUNGE | \$28K raised for Special Olympics at Tuttle Creek charity event



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Participants of the team "The Lickity Splits" dig through stacks of clothes and costumes. The team dressed up as different parts of an ice cream cone for the Polar Plunge event that was held on Saturday at Tuttle Creek State Park.

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announcements began.

The day did not end with just the test of bravado.

There were also awards handed out.

Plunge contestants were rated on best costume for an individual and team.

Also, the most enthusiastic

plunger and wimpiest plunger received certificates.

"It kinda took me by surprise cause it's such a nice day outside and the water is much colder than you would think it would be," said Woodside, junior in creative writing.

Woodside was named the wimpiest plunger.

"I got out there and turned around to see where everyone

else was at, and that's when I realized I was cold," he said.

Dan Higgins, a Manhattan resident, took the prize for most enthusiastic jump.

Freed won the prize for best individual costume, while his team, "Lickety Splits," won the best-team-costume award, dressed as a banana split.

Following the awards ceremony, participants and specta-

tors adjourned to the American Legion for a post plunge party and auction.

The 2009 Polar Plunge in Manhattan raised more than \$28,000 to support Special Olympics.

The events in Manhattan were one of nine Polar Plunges around the state in January and February to benefit the Kansas Special Olympics.

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